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In re Application of

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DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW

FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the request to withdraw as attorney of record under 37 CFR § 1.36(b), filed November 22, 2010.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

The request cannot be approved because it lacks the name of the first inventor or the assignee of record that is associated with the address listed in the request. Therefore, the change of correspondence address is considered improper.

The Office will only accept correspondence address changes to the most current address information provided for the assignee of the entire interest who properly became of record under 37 CFR 3.71, or, if no assignee of the entire interest has properly been made of record, the most current address information provided for the first named inventor. 37 CFR 3.71(c) states:

An assignee becomes of record either in a national patent application or a reexamination proceeding by filing a statement in compliance with § 3.73(b) that is signed by a party who is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

The assignee must establish its ownership of the patent to the satisfaction of the Director. In this regard, the statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) must have either: (i) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee (e.g., copy of an executed assignment), and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was or concurrently is being submitted for recordation pursuant to § 3.11; or (ii) a statement specifying where documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee is recorded in the assignment records of the Office (e.g., reel and frame number).

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

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